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Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Javadi and Nelson, Members of the Committee-

I am writing in support of HB 2222 which would require the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to create and maintain a registry of mobile integrated health care providers. Additionally, this would require the establishment billing codes necessary for providers to be paid for the services they provider. These steps are essential to providing timely and effective care to our rural and frontier/remote communities.

Mobile integrated health (MIH) is a care-delivery model that brings mobile resources to patients in a home or community-based setting. This includes not only our traditional emergency care but goes beyond to include services focusing on preventative and primary care. MIH can reduce emergency room visits, hospital admissions, and readmissions, improve access to care and health-related services for underserved populations, enhance care coordination and follow-up, and provide preventative care and health education to patients. This can be done by brining services directly to patients in our community.

Today, these important services lack sustainable funding that has made it impossible for MIH services to be expanded into other communities that will benefit. The development of a registry and billing codes along with the technical support to manage the billing process will allow MIH to fulfill an important role in our health care system, opening access and keeping overall health care costs down.

I encourage the committee to support HB 2222.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Duehmig", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Duehmig  
Director